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In re Application of :  
William C. Stallings et al :  
Application No. 10/031,181 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
Filed: January 16, 2002 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)  
Attorney Docket No. 3333/1/US :

This is a decision on the petition, filed July 30, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination).  
See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on March 22, 2004 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.<sup>1</sup>

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 1626 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed amendment.

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<sup>1</sup> The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).